

Sagamore Hill

U.S. Department of the Interior

Home of Theodore Roosevelt

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site

National Park Service



Theodore Roosevelt and the BSA

Theodore Roosevelt was a guiding figure in the early years of the Boy Scout Movement in the United States. A former president, proponent of training young men for service to their nation and their community, and proponent of the “strenuous life”, TR thought that the Boy Scouts of America would answer the need for guiding boys to manhood. He was the first commissioner of the Nassau County Council, and was declared Chief Scout Citizen in 1911.

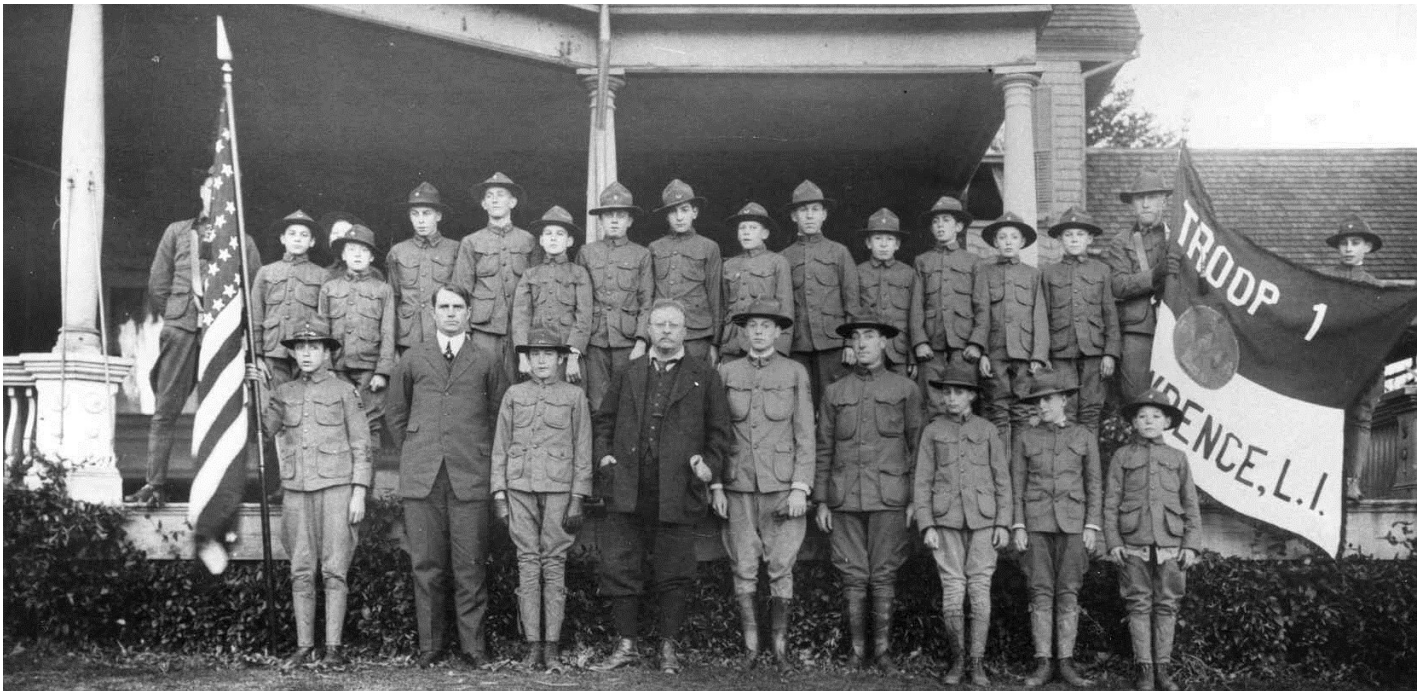
Today the Boy Scouts of America and the National Park Service are national partners in encouraging young people to explore their National Parks. Sagamore Hill NHS continues TR’s dedication to scouting by offering opportunities for achievement—based programs as well as opportunities for community service.

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Theodore Roosevelt poses with Boy Scout Troop 1 from Lawrence on his front porch at Sagamore Hill in the early days of scouting.

Cub Scout Programs

Flag Ceremonies:

All scout groups are welcome to schedule a flag raising or lowering ceremony which includes folding the flag and a discussion of the history and meaning of the symbol of our country. Flag ceremonies are generally at 4:00 on Friday afternoons or 10:00 on Saturday mornings. Other times can be arranged. *30 minutes*

Nature Trail:

The 1/2 mile loop wood chip trail follows TR's route to a saltmarsh and beach on Cold Spring Harbor. Hiking, birding, and nature study are available. Open from sunup to sundown daily. Guides available by advance arrangement. *45 minutes*

Tiger Scouts:

1G, 2D,5G Utilizing Theodore Roosevelt's Home, the Old Orchard museum, and the Nature Trail, this program explores the park and the way TR lived with his family. *60 minutes*

Wolf Scouts:

YOUR FLAG

Focused on the 80 foot flagpole in front of TR's Home, this program is all about the U.S. flag. *30 minutes*

Bear Scouts:

What Makes America Special? *60 minutes*

Webelos:

Forester, Naturalist, and Citizen Activity Badges. *60 minutes each*